- 39. The method according to claim 36, wherein the starch is a modified starch, and wherein the allergen activity of said rubber latex is maximally 40%.
- 40. The method according to claim 39, wherein the modified starch is obtainable by gelatinising the starch in an extruder and subsequently crosslinking the starch with glyoxal, and wherein the allergen activity of said rubber latex is maximally 15%.
- 41. The method according to claim 36, wherein the starch is potato starch, Tapioca, waxy corn starch or waxy rice starch, and wherein the allergen activity of said rubber latex is maximally 5%.
- 42. A rubber latex having a reduced allergen activity, which latex is obtained by a method as claimed in claim 36.
- 43. The rubber latex article comprising rubber latex according to claim 42, wherein at least the surface contacting the skin of the user is fabricated from the said rubber latex.
- 44. The rubber latex article according to claim 43, wherein the article is a surgical glove.
- 45. The rubber latex article according to claim 43, wherein the article is a condom.
- 46. The rubber latex article according to claim 43, wherein the article is an inflatable balloon.
- 47. A surgical glove provided with a granular, low crystalline, preferably non-crystalline, starch as a donning powder at least on the surface of the glove to be contacting the skin of the user.

AND

- 48. The surgical glove according to claim 47, wherein the low-crystalline starch has a V-type crystal structure.
- 49. The surgical glove according to claim 47, wherein the birefringence of the low-crystalline starch is less than 30% of native starch.
- 50. The surgical glove according to claim 47, wherein less than 75% of the low-crystalline starch is soluble in cold water, and further wherein the birefringence of the low-crystalline starch is less than 20% of native starch.
- 51. The surgical glove according to claim 47, wherein the starch is selected from the group consisting of potato starch, corn starch, rice starch, or waxy corn starch, and further wherein the birefringence of the low-crystalline starch is less than 5% of native starch.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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REMARKS

The specification and claim amendments have been made in order to conform this patent application to customary United States patent practice.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

